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Winnipeg FIRE.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Fire completely gutted the five-story stone block occupied by Banfield's carpet establishment on Main street this morning. It was a bitterly cold day, and the fire did not burn hot enough, though the firemen could do but little to check the fury of the flames. The substantial character of the block prevented any damage to adjoining buildings. Mr. Banfield's loss on stock will be in the neighborhood of \$80,000, while the building was damaged to the extent of \$20,000. Above the carpet establishment the rooms were occupied by Robt. Boyd, agent; J. F. and W. F. Taylor, dental surgeons; Jos. Greenfield, architect; W. D. Pettigrew, agent; the Albertus & Schlich Land Co.; Miss Adele Dawson, dressmaker; Miss Austin, Christian Scientist; the I. O. F. High Court Foresters. All the contents of the rooms were destroyed.

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Opening of Parliament

King and Queen Attended to Westminster By Imposing Procession.

Speech From Throne Refers Among Other Things to Boundary Treaty.

Debate Opens in the Commons on the Address in Reply.

Chamberlain had consulted his colleagues. He added: "We entirely endorse and make ourselves responsible for the general policy he has declared in South Africa."

In regard to the conditions prevailing in Macedonia, he said they were a constant menace to the peace of Europe. The administration of the laws were defective there, and a strong government was needed to introduce the elements of order in Macedonia.

He defended the action of the British government towards Venezuela. Broadly speaking, he added, the negotiations were carried out with the greatest regard not only for the feelings of the United States people and government, but for the feelings of Venezuela. The debate was suspended.

THE LORDS.

On the reassembling of the House of Lords, the Duke of Roxburgh (Unionist) moved the address in reply to the King's speech and the Earl of Leitrim seconded the motion.

Earl Spencer, Liberal leader in the House of Lords, opened the debate for the opposition. He rejoiced exceedingly that the dispute, which, although arising from just grounds was petty and might have imperilled Great Britain's good relations with the United States was now passing away. He congratulated the Government on the agreement to refer the Alaska boundary dispute to a commission and then proceeded to deal in detail with the Macedonian question.

The Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council, replied in behalf of the Government. Great Britain accepted the Monroe doctrine unreservedly, he said, but to have abstained from enforcing claims which she believed to be just and essential to her honor, would be to make the Monroe doctrine an object of dislike for every civilized power. He expressed the hope that the land bill may approach the final settlement of the Irish question.

The motion providing for the address in reply to the King's speech was then agreed to and the House adjourned.

Following up a series of outrages which have occurred for years a score of the ruffians who infest the waterfront hereabouts the British ship Riversdale Captain Porter, attacked and brutally beat Bengt Gyron, E. Pearson and Charles Burton the latter of whom they threw bruised and bleeding into a cart and kidnapped. It is believed that the man died from his wounds and has been sunk in the Willamette river.

The cause of all the trouble is that the men, contrary to the usual custom in vogue in this port refused to be shipped by the crimps but instead made their agreement direct with the captain of the vessel who ever since his arrival here has refused to submit to the extortions of the sailor boarding house.

"Are you Johnnies bound for the Riversdale," said Harry White, the leader. "We are," said the guileless sailors: "We have shipped aboard of her for the voyage to Australia, and are just going aboard."

"You'll never go aboard that ship for any voyage," said White, and at once with fist and club set upon the luckless two with all the savagery there was a hot fight on the dock but the sailors seeing that they were no match for the things hastily retreated for the ship hotly pursued by the crimps who also boarded the Riversdale and with clubs, stones and belaying pins as weapons the battle raged till the decks ran with blood and till the last seaman had gone down in the mass of mud and gore. Hastily picking up the now unconscious Burton, who had fallen from a frightful blow on the head with an iron pin the sailors retreated before the police.

It was some time later, the sailors summoned up courage enough to go ashore in search of their missing shipmate and to summon the police, and by that time all trace of the kidnapped man was lost. Where he is now can only be conjectured. Before leaving the ship the murderous ruffians did everything they could to set the vessel adrift. They cut a five-inch Manila hawser with which she was moored, threw the wires of the dock, and left the vessel they thought to drift to destruction. But in the excitement they overlooked other ropes connecting the ship with the dock, and these were sufficient to hold her in position, head up against the current of the river.

Just what will be the outcome of the affair seems to be, as yet, in doubt, but an injunction has been issued in the United States district court prohibiting the crimps from further interfering with the sailors of any vessel and the legislature of the state, or at least a small part of it, stung to action by this latest outrage has determined to pass a law providing heavy penalties for any future crime of the sort.

Whether any improvement in the conditions which prevail will be made even by this remains to be seen, but by competent judges it is considered problematical and a short resumé of the methods of the crimps and an explanation of the way in which by means of unscrupulous politicians who have secured their hold will make the reasons clear.

Speaking of the situation, James Laidlaw, resident consul of the British, says: "Sailors shipping on vessels in this port are often sold into slavery and have practically no rights."

The laws of the state are ample if they were enforced but there is little chance of justice being done so long as a member of this despicable gang is given the privilege of appearing on the floor and of influencing the deliberations of the state Senate. There is no other place in the wide world where these men could associate with reputable citizens outside of this state of Oregon. Think of it! the Senate of this state giving a miserable boarding house man and a man known to be a thug and the leader of a gang of ruffians the right to sit in the Senate for 30 years and the day will come when I shall have the pleasure of stopping their murderous work for good and all and of seeing them where they belong, wearing the convict stripes in the state penitentiary."

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SHOOT IN MEASURE.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Notice of motion was given at a meeting of the Young Men's Liberal Club last night reciting that Canada enjoys the protection of the British navy without cost, and arguing that the Dominion Government raise a Canadian naval force under the provisions of the Militia Act to be supplied exclusively to the service, allowing and permitting those whose usual occupation is at sea or in steam or sailing craft, navigating Canadian waters, and that the whole expense thereof be borne by Canada, and that they also cause to be purchased or built two first class battleships and present them to the British Government.

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The city solicitor extension to the cemetery. The number of acres was mentioned, but the land was not surveyed before purchasing. After the purchase, the land was found to contain much fewer acres than mentioned. The Mayor blames the city solicitor for not seeing to it that the deed was properly drawn up, and referred to a letter which he had been in the possession of the city specifically referring to the number of acres to be sold the city, and which had mysteriously disappeared. The city solicitor for an apparent reason failed to appear before the court and the Mayor informed him that he could not speak at all before the council if he did not comply with the rules. Mr. Jones was in the meantime declines to make any compromise, and the council, feeling sore at being the victims of an unfortunate mistake, have decided to let the matter lie on the table for another week.

DIVORCE CASE.

Morgan v. Morgan to be Heard Today.

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—(Special)—The first divorce trial in the civil sitting of the Supreme Court took place tomorrow. The case is Morgan v. Morgan. Mrs. Morgan is suing for divorce from her husband on the ground that he was living with Caroline Colonski as his wife in Seattle.

AGAINST TRAPS.

Westminster City Council Opposed to Them.

Westminster, Feb. 17.—(Special)—The Westminster City Council, in their meeting last night, formally endorsed the petition of the British Columbia Fishermen's Union to the Dominion government, praying that salmon traps be not allowed in this province, and if the control of the fisheries be handed over to the province, that steps be taken to prevent the provincial government granting trap privileges.

Reports from Lillooet say the salmon hatchery there is just completed.

To Receive Honorary Degree at Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Honorary degrees will be conferred at the University of Pennsylvania exercises on Saturday next. Provost Harrison had been informed that he may be offered the command of a fleet. Replying to inquiries on the subject, Lord Beresford was quoted as saying that the matter was entirely unsettled.

SPLIT IN THE LIBERAL CAMP.

"Traitor", "Knife in the Back" and Other Terms Used at Meeting.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—The Liberal Association held a very stormy meeting last night. Mr. Macpherson, M. P. elected president, Mr. O. E. Talbot, one of the promoters of the Trans-Canada railway, addressed the meeting on the projected railway, and politics in general. He promised help from Quebec on the Chinese question, and disappeared in strong terms of a third party in politics. After noting the Australian and Russia had been considering the reforms which the signatories of the treaty of Berlin should recommend to the Sultan, the speech adds: "I trust that the proposals will not affect me for the purpose, and that I shall find it possible to give them my hearty support."

The King next mentioned the Soudan expedition and the turn to South Africa. The progress of affairs in South Africa have been satisfactory. The visit of the Colonial Secretary already has been productive of the happiest results, and the opportunity of improving the condition of the native races and the interests of all interests and opinions has greatly conduced to a smooth adjustment of many difficult questions, and to the removal of many occasions of misunderstanding.

After referring to the Kano (Nigerian) expedition and the Indian Durbar, the King said: "I am glad to be able to state that the latter is progressing satisfactorily with the disappearance of the drought and agricultural distress in Western India, and that the prospects for both agriculture and navigation throughout my Indian Empire are more encouraging and satisfactory for some time past."

The King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace at 3 o'clock. The crowd everywhere greeted Their Majesties with enthusiasm.

The appointment of an Indian Agent in place of the late Mr. Todd was left in the hands of Mr. Macpherson and the Northern Liberals. The Northern Liberals have already endorsed the Rev. A. E. Green.

The commencement of the trouble of the Chinese question was the announcement of J. H. Watson that certain members on the roll calling themselves good Liberals had stabbed the party. He thought the association should protect themselves from members who stabbed them in the back. It was a traitor's trick.

Mr. Frank Burnett spoke strongly on the same lines. Mr. Burnett said that he had been charged with buying and selling offices, which was false. It was time those Liberals who took every occasion to knife them be written off the roll, and that the association be purged of them.

Mr. Fraser said that, as the dissentients had been well liked it would be easier to take them back in the fold. Cries of "No, no" followed. It was at this juncture that the press was excluded.

The meeting lasted until nearly midnight, during which the most violent language was used such as traitor, liar, etc. A member moved that the dissentients be taken back into the fold. His motion, however, was not seconded and thus the split in the Liberal party remains split.

NOMINATIONS.

Candidates for the Dominion By-Elections.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—Nominations took place today for vacancies in the House of Commons as follows:

Two Members for W. G. Etienne—Perron—B. Beauchamp, Conservative; Perron—Dr. Desjardins, Liberal; Alex. M. Masson, Conservative.

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Steamer Sunk

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Without Warning the Olive Is Struck and Sent to the Bottom.

At least Twenty-Five People Are Known to Have Lost Their Lives.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 17.—A cyclone struck the passenger steamer Olive, which plies between Franklin, Va., and Edenton, N. C., at 9:30 o'clock last night, and sent her to the bottom of the Chowan river, off Woolley's pier. Seventeen people are known to have been drowned and others who were rescued are in a serious condition. The whirlwind when it struck the Olive threw her on her side.

When she righted, it was only to sink on account of the water she had taken in. A majority of the passengers and crew were below at the time, and had no time to reach the pilot house of the vessel, which alone remained above water. Capt. Withy and five others saved themselves by standing all night in the pilot house up to their waists.

According to the statement of Capt. Withy to the Associated Press correspondent here tonight, there are 17 known to have been lost on the sinking steamer, and lifeboat loaded with Engineer C. J. Conway, Assistant Engineer J. P. Murphy, Purser J. N. Bell, one white and two colored passengers, unknown, and two colored deckhands, which left the steamer in hopes of reaching a vessel whose lights could be seen in the distance, was unboarded from those known to have been drowned.

The death list will reach 25, Capt. Withy reached Norfolk this afternoon. He made the following statement: "We left Franklin on our regular trip to Edenton, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. A heavy Southwest wind was blowing. At 9 o'clock last night we passed Hollies' wharf and headed for Edenton Bay. The weather became so heavy that I would not risk open water and put the boat about to return up the river for safety. It was about 2 o'clock when everything became ink black and a terrible roaring broke out of the night. I was alone in the pilot house, and most of the crew had turned back. In a second something struck the bow on her port beam and turned her over on her starboard side. I thought she would never right herself, and a monster wave dashed over us. It flooded the house and smashed everything around us. With the rush of water into her hold, the Olive slowly righted, and in less than two minutes she was resting on the bottom, with only the pilot house above the water.

THE C. P. R.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Says No Atlantic Steamers Are Purchased.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Sir Thos. Shaughnessy said to your correspondent tonight, that the rumors that the company had acquired any particular line of Atlantic steamships is entirely without foundation. It would take a little time for the company to determine whether it would purchase any ocean line of ships or build fleet of its own.

SCENE IN COURT.

Prisoner at Nanaimo Attempts to Escape.

Nanaimo, Feb. 17.—(Special)—This afternoon Magistrate Longwood sentenced George Perry to two years in jail. Perry was remanded yesterday charged with smashing furniture in a restaurant. He made a break for liberty in court, a fight with a policeman under the magistrate's nose resulting. John Deering was fined \$200 for selling liquor with license.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERY.

Semi-Annual Meeting Held in Nanaimo.

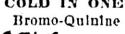
Nanaimo, Feb. 18.—(Special)—The semi-annual meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria opened yesterday afternoon in St. Andrew's church, the moderator, Rev. Dr. Campbell presiding; Rev. D. McRae, clerk, six clerical ones lay delegates and six students. The resolution to resign was accepted. The remainder of the business of the afternoon session was given over to routine.

The Presbytery met again in the evening and sat till 1 o'clock this morning before adjournment was reached. The Presbytery decided in favor of Westminister instead of Kamloops for the next synod meeting, and Rev. D. McRae, of Victoria, was nominated as moderator for the general session, which meets in Vancouver.

Rev. Canon Cooper, of the Anglican church, visited the meeting, and asked the co-operation of the Presbytery in connection with other denominations to secure religious instruction in the public schools. This was promised.

The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's church, Victoria, in September.

Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. D. McRae were selected as delegates to the next general assembly.

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Are to Build Maternity Ward

Hospital Board Has Lord Strathcona's Consent to Use Donation.

Proceedings at Yesterday Evening's Meeting of the Board of Directors.

There is a prospect that an early start will be made in the work of instituting a Maternity Ward at the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital. That fact developed at the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors which was held yesterday evening. Lord Strathcona has written H. D. Helmcken, K.C., M.P.P., consenting that his donation of \$50,000 to the hospital may take that disposition.

In the absence of the president, Vice-President H. S. Day was in the chair, and there were also present Messrs. J. Davies, H. D. Helmcken, K.C., M.P.P., Thos. Shotholt, Alex. Wilson, E. D. Lewis, George Brown, R. E. Brett, R. L. Drury, Dr. Hasell and Secretary Elworthy.

Chief Watson of the fire department wrote saying he had made minute examination of the fire fighting appliances at the hospital and had found them in a thoroughly satisfactory condition. The communication was received, and the writer to receive the thanks of the board for his services in this connection.

The doctor's report showed that the number of patients admitted during the month was 78; number treated, 137; total days, 1,626; daily average attending, 48.11. It also mentioned that the Daughters of Pitt had kindly donated a splendid operating table of enameled steel.

The report was adopted, and the Daughters of Pitt will receive the thanks of the board for their donation.

An application for the position of nurse has been received from Miss Schwenger, and Miss Ada Mohrly has been admitted as a probationer.

The matron reported having received the following donations: Books and magazines, Mrs. C. A. Helmcken and Mr. Taylor; flowers, Mrs. Ward; linen, Mrs. Jones.

The house committee reported as follows:

Your house committee beg to report that they have continued their regular meetings on Tuesday in each week. It has occasionally happened that complaints have reached the directors, in some cases more than once, and the house committee, after the complaints have been brought to their notice, have conducted a prompt investigation very difficult. Your committee are therefore having cards printed and placed conspicuously throughout the premises, requesting that any complaints or suggestion of the resident matrons or matron be made to the matron leaves the hospital or within ten days after leaving the hospital.

We ordered that a reminder be sent to the residents of the hospital regarding him of the arrangements made whereby probationers of that institution can be examined with those of this hospital. In reply we received a communication that the examining board will be satisfied if such are now first-class stock and workmanship.

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Florence Roberts A Fine "Magda"

Splendid Performance of Sudermann's Play at the Victoria Theatre.

Opera Is to Be Produced In Spite of Many Difficulties.

Florence Roberts closed her brief engagement at the Victoria theatre last night, appearing in Herman Sudermann's play "Magda." Although the attendance was greater than on the previous evening, it was by no means what might be expected when the privilege is afforded to Victorians to enjoy the performances of such a finished artist.

Miss Roberts' excellence in every character which she essays is too well known to the public to require much bestowal of praise. Her work is so uniformly faultless and pleasing that people go to see her assured in advance that their anticipations will be realized, and never has she appeared to better advantage than last night as "Magda." It would be hard to pick a flaw in her acting. Her reading, her gestures, her every movement, are true to nature and therefore the perfection of histrionic art, "Magda" in her hands is the living embodiment of the author's conception, and could not be improved upon.

The supporting company is composed of perfectly competent people, who deserveably share the honors on equal terms with their leader, for from highest to lowest they show the artistic instinct and perfect training which are necessary to succeed in their calling.

William Yerrance, "Schwartz," the old fire eating colonel, "Magda's" father, with his exaggerated ideas of parental authority and Quixotic sense of honor, was splendidly done. James McVicker, as "Paster Hofferding," played in a usual forceful yet perfectly natural manner.

John G. Moore, as "Von Kellar," portrayed the egotistical hypocrite to the life. George Woodthorpe did a very clever bit of work as "Franziskus," the meddling, masterful busbody, and Bertha Blanchard, as "Marie," was as sweet and innocent as the character called for. The other members of the company helped to complete an altogether satisfactory performance.

There was frequent and generous applause throughout the evening and many curtain calls.

COMIC OPERA.

The Victoria Amateur Opera Company, under the direction of Mrs. H. Dallas Helmcken has been rehearsing for the production of the comic opera "San Toy" for some time past, but as a result of objections put forward, it is alleged as a result of influence of some Victoria interests opposed to the production of the opera, it has been decided to present the comic opera entitled "A Chinese Fete," which will be presented from times in Victoria—on Friday and Saturday next, the 20th and 21st, and on Monday and Tuesday the 23rd and 24th. "A Chinese Fete" is similar in its scope and its music, songs, concerted numbers and solos are just as pretty, bright, and as witty and pleasing as those of "San Toy." Mrs. H. Dallas Helmcken has been at considerable expense to ensure an excellent production of "San Toy," special scenery having been painted, which is complete, and a number of dressmakers have been at work in Spencer's Arcade for some time past making "costumes" for the various performers in "San Toy," and these costumes and the special scenery painted for the production of "San Toy" will now be used in the presentation of "A Chinese Fete."

The secretary also reported the sum of \$2,000 received from Miss Musgrave, a sum sufficient for the cost of placing a tablet to the memory of the late Mrs. Musgrave over a bed in one of the public wards. This sum has been placed to the hospital general account, but we recommend that the same be transferred to the good offices of Mr. Mills where it may be used for the benefit of the hospital without any legal expenses.

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We have instructed that this sum be placed to the hospital account, but the decision as to how it is to be used is left to the discretion of the hospital.

This hospital is interested under the will of the late Hon. B. W. Pearson concerning a ruling of the court has been found favorable. Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken appealed to the hospital and the various points were presented but the decision of the court is not yet known.

Your auditor, Mr. A. G. McGregor, finds that we will be unable to undertake the task this coming year, it will be necessary to make another appointment.

We recommend Mr. Frank Burrell, with whom we believe most of the directors are well acquainted.

In dealing with the clause referring to the bequest from the late Patrick Murphy, which was seconded by Mr. Davies and carried.

Resolved, That the communication from the executors of the estate of the late Patrick Murphy, deceased, enclosing a check for \$1,000, being the amount of the bequest of the said Patrick Murphy to this institution, be received and acknowledged with the thanks of the board, and that the same be placed to the hospital general account, but we recommend that the same be transferred to the good offices of Mr. Mills where it may be used for the benefit of the hospital.

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12 FOR 50 CENTS.**The Vancouver Assay Office****Rules and Regulations for Receiving and Refining Gold Dust.****Report of the Business of the Office For Last Year.**

The following particulars of the methods of work employed in the Vancouver assay office are taken from the annual report of the Dominion Superintendent of Mines:

Bullion is to be weighed in the presence of depositor, checked by chief meter, transferred to bullion box and locked. Melt number assigned to deposit written on card is placed in receptacle on bullion box, melt number to stand from No. 1, proceeding by units for each bar. This melt number serves to identify the deposit undergoing and appears in all reports of analysis and receipts for the same.

Receipt for weight of bullion deposited is given to the depositor, and his signature is taken on special card prepared for the purpose and kept by the manager on file for identification purposes.

The bullion box is opened by the chief meter in the presence of either the manager, one of the assayers, or janitor (at the option of the manager), transferred to crucible, melted, slagged, prepared for stamping and stamped with melt number. After thoroughly drying the bar is weighed by meter, checked by manager, and weight ascertained by manager as weight after melting.

For purposes of assay, clippings are taken in the presence of the manager or chief meter from the corners of the bar. The solid angles removed by the clippings must lie on the diagonal passing through the bar. The truncated corners are then stamped with the letter "A." The clippings are weighed on balance set apart for this purpose, and charged by manager to assayers. Two parallel sets of assays are then run off each melt, one by each assayer, and report must be made of result of assay unless both agree to within 1-50 of per cent. Proof assay to check results must accompany each set of assays made.

In case agreement cannot be reached the ingot must be remelted, thoroughly stirred, and the assay repeated. The report made to the manager of the fineness of gold and silver must exhibit every detail of the operation—i.e., all weighings made.

After clipping, ingot is transferred to safe until such time as report is received from assayers as to its fineness, when it is removed to melting-room, stamped with office-stamp, and weight in ounces and decimals of ounces of silver and gold contained in ingot, and finally stored in safe until called for by depositor or otherwise disposed of.

Cornets and clippings placed in paper box with melt number and assay number, weight and calculated value written upon, are stored in safe with the ingot of which they formed a part and returned with ingot to the depositor.

First Charge—Assaying and stamping charge, 1/4 of 1 per cent, gross value of the gold and silver contained in the deposit.

Second Charge—Melting charge, \$1 on each melt.

Third Charge—Parting and refining charge, 4 cents per ounce on the weight after melting.

Fourth Charge—Toughening and alloy charge, 2 cents per ounce on 1-11 of the standard weight of the gold. This is to cover loss in converting silver from solutions.

REPORTS.

Weekly reports are received at this office from the manager of the assay office, supplemented by reports from the assayers and chief meter. The report of the manager relates to the details and amount of business done at the assay office, giving date at which deposit was made, receipt number, name of depositor, description of bullion deposited, locality from whence deposit was derived, melt and assay number of ingot corresponding to deposit, gross weight in ounces and decimals, proportion of gold in 1000th contained in deposit, conversion of gold contained in deposit into standard gold, value of gold contained in dollars and cents, proportion of silver contained in deposit in 1000th, conversion of silver contained in standard silver, weight of silver contained in dollars and cents, charges on the deposit melting, toughening and alloy, refining and parting, fine bars) and finally the net value of the deposit.

Assays are made in duplicate, accompanied by proof assays, the results and assays are incorporated in the assayers' reports to the manager, copies of which are forwarded to this office weekly.

The chief meter's report furnishes information of the physical character of the bullion deposited, with the weight in ounces, before and after melt, and per cent, loss sustained in the melting.

AMOUNT OF BUSINESS DONE.

\$9,925.67 ounces of bullion, valued at \$1,153,014.50, representing 671 deposits, were received and assayed during the period from July 28, 1901, to June 30, 1902. Tabulation of the deposits, as attributed according to their sources, is appended.

REFUND OF ROYALTY.

To encourage miners to deposit their gold in the Vancouver assay office, an order by His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council, dated July 26, 1901, provided that when a miner in person produces to the manager of the assay office at Vancouver a certificate from the gold commissioner at Dawson that the royalty has been paid on the gold which accompanies the certificate, the manager may issue a refund cheque in favor of the miner for 1 per cent. of the value of the gold when assayed."

By an order of His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council, dated September 11, 1901, the same refund was allowed to miners who in person deposit their gold for assay in the assay office of the provincial government of British Columbia at Victoria, accompanied by a certificate from the gold commissioner that the royalty on the

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and St. Mary's Mine in the Slocan district, about one mile west of Greenwood, was

despatched. After running an open cut about 20 feet into the side of the hill, they commenced tunneling. For 40 feet the tunnel passed through ledge matter and then entered an ore chute, which

now shows four feet in thickness and the tunnel not yet through it. The ore carries small metal in gold and silver, as well as the copper. McNamee has a bond on W. J. Corbett's interest in this property, and with Connors has been prospecting it lately. Connors and Corbett did a deal of prospecting on the line during several years, but they did not meet with a permanent chute of ore, although good bunches of ore were occasionally found.

R. P. Williams, agent at Greenwood for the Jeville Machine Company, has a power plant to Dr. Wells, of the Columbia University School of Mines, New York, for use in prospecting the Morning Star, in Fairview camp, Okanagan. This property was recently bonded by outside parties from S. Mangott, of Fairview, and at the time the transaction was made public it was stated that it was intended to sink 300 feet on the claim. The plant now purchased consists of a 30 horse-power vertical boiler, 6x8 Bacon hoist, No. 5 Campbell sinking pump of plunger pattern, ropes, buckets, cars, pigs and all necessary accompaniments. M. E. Purcell, a mining man well known in the Rossland district, is in charge of the development work, which is now in progress at the mine.

WEEKLY REPORT.

The amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and St. Mary's Mine in the Slocan district, about one mile west of Greenwood, was

approximately 28,000 tons. Since January 1 to January 31, 1903, the shipments have been as follows:

Week. Total.

American Boy 41 224

Antoine 16

Arlington 40

Black Prince 35

Bordondisher 1

Bosun 40

Enterprise 100

Fisher Maiden 69

Ivanhoe 50 200

Ottawa 20 60

Payne 90 446

Rambler 120

Reco 40

Slocan Star 21

Total tons 241 1,512

The Thompson Phosphate Mining Company are making extensive preparations on Wild Horse Creek, Southeast Kootenay, as soon as the mining season opens.

In washing woolens and flannels, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will be found very satisfactory.

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3 Pkgs. For 25c.

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Paardeberg Memorial

Today Anniversary of Memorable Battle In Which Canadians Took Part.

Tonight There Will Be a Celebration In the Drill Hall.

PAARDEBERG.

On reverend lips we breathed thy name,
Ought of slaughter—shed of fame!

Yet of a truth, our hearts were loud
With deeds that made the nation proud.

A maple leaf o'er humble graves?

No, in the shade of Sain's Hill it waves;

And Paardeberg rewards afar

From fiery Cross to Polar Star.

Away with grief! Our hearts were sore;

We sickened with the thoughts of gore;

And yet while those we loved were lost,

A fresh still surged our gathering host.

For not a man, whose eyes were moist,

But grimly his soul repressed

That they—their native land the friend

Had lived to make a gallant end.

And Scott, and Maundrell, Todd and those

Who grappled with Britain's foes—

The sinking caravans 'mid the slain,

In spirit rose to fight again.

Lo! how the Spirit of the West

In peerless splendor stood confessed

At Paardeberg while strewed the earth

Dead sons who gave their nation birth!

—Frederic Irving Taylor.

Victoria, B. C.

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on Moss street, consisting of 2 lots each, from \$500 to \$600 each site. These lots run through from street to street, and can be made into attractive homes.

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Postponed until further notice.



MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction by

W. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer,
At Hardaker's Auction Rooms, No. 77
douglas Street.

In the city of Victoria, on Monday, the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1903, at the hour of 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, the following property, All the piece or parcel of land situate in Esquimalt District, and known and numbered as part of Lot 127, Section number Thirty-One (XXXI) Esquimalt District, being more particularly described as follows:—Comprising at the Southeast corner of Buckley's Orchard, thence bearing South 24 degrees 30 min. E. 130 links, to Southwest corner of Lot, thence North 65 degrees 30 min. E. 621 links to Southwest corner on a street 15 feet wide, thence along the West side of the said street, bearing North 24 degrees 30 min. W. 142 links, to junction of street with Craigflower road, thence along the same to a corner of fence, being the Northeast corner of lot, thence along fence bearing South 45 degrees W. 459 links to Northwest corner of lot, being the point of commencement of the same, and so forth, the said land being more particularly described and shown on a plan attached to a conveyance of the said land from John Russell to Nils Peter Olson, dated 14th day of March, A. D. 1874, which conveyance is situated in a very desirable locality in Victoria West, namely, on the corner of Russel street and Craigflower road, are a five-roomed cottage, barn and outbuildings and a number of fruit trees.

For terms and conditions of sale apply to

McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard,

Bank of Montreal Chambers, Bastion street, Victoria.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Feb. 17—8 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure is slowly decreasing over the North Pacific Slope, the cold spell is gradually abating. No precipitation has occurred during the last 12 hours West of the ranges. The weather is fair at all reporting stations and temperatures have risen considerably, especially in the interior. Most of the Rockies in low pressure area maintains its position in Alberta, its progress being checked by a high barometer. The pressure is falling at Hazelton, Mont. In another section of the North-west fair and very cold weather prevails.

TEMPERATURE.

Min. Max.

Victoria 32 42

New Westminster 26 42

Port Moody 31 36

Barberdale 21 38

Dawson 10 2

Calgary 22 34

Winnipeg 28 18

Portland, Ore. 28 56

San Francisco 40 56

PORCH ASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time).

Wednesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Light or moderate winds, chiefly Northerly, generally fair, not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, generally fair and not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 17.

Deg. 5 a.m. 25 Mean. 33

Noon 38 Highest. 42

5 p.m. 40 Lowest. 32

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 8 miles North.

Noon 4 miles North.

5 p.m. 4 miles North.

Average rate of wind per hour.

Sunrise 3 hours 42 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed. 30.233

Corrected. 30.233

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected. 30.18

THAT OLD PAIN AGAIN.

Guaing, Piercing Pains That Almost Make You Scream.

It is your old enemy, rheumatism, come again with the winter to torture you. These pains, remember, are caused by bad blood and are got rid of by rubbing with liniment and outward lotions, but cannot get rid of them in that way. Rheumatism is caused by bad blood and the only certain way to drive it out of the system, is to enrich your blood by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. There is no case of rheumatism Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will not cure if given a fair trial. By making new, rich red blood and strengthening the nerves they strike at the very root of such diseases as rheumatism, sciatica and lumbago. We give one case out of thousands to prove the truth of this statement. Mr. A. G. Lacombe, Sorel, Que., says: "For five years I was a victim to the tortures of rheumatism. At times the pains in my knee, shoulders and hips were all day long, and could not sleep at night without assistance. I tried many remedies but I never got more than temporary relief until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I used eight boxes, and since taking them I have not had a twinge of the trouble, and I feel better in every way than I did for years before. I would strongly advise every rheumatic sufferer to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial." Remember that only the genuine pills will cure—imitations can't cure, therefore see that the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" is found on the wrapped around every box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent post paid at 50c. per box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and absolute cure for each and every form of Itching, Skin Disease and Irritation, the manufacturers have guaranteed it. You can buy it at any drug store or Dr. Edwardson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Dr. Chase's Ointment

Prospectors' Hardships

Pete Anderson and James Ferguson Reach Quatsino After Great Privations.

Perilous Journey Made More Terrible By Starvation and Shipwreck.

Steamer Queen City, which reached port yesterday after one of the fastest 12 months' fasts—trip made from the North end of the Island, brought news that the two prospectors, Pete Anderson and James A. Ferguson, news of the loss of whose sloop was given on the return of the steamer on her last month's long trip, are safe, but they sustained terrible privations and were six days without food before they managed to reach the Indian village at Clucklesset, 60 miles from where their sloop was lost on Cape Cook.

News of the wreck the prospectors' sloop was given on January 31, when it was stated that Ferguson left Quatsino Sound for Kyuquist, accompanied by an Indian, in the Hall for the purpose of electing delegates to his convention. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at this meeting.

The Colonist has obtained from Edward H. Benjamin, secretary of the California Miners' Association, some partial list:

Four doz. Milk Pans; Cans; Buckets; 30 Cans; Chafing; 2 Parcels; 20 Feed Boxes; Churns; Butter Mixer; 1 Cart; etc., etc.; Also 2 Bedroom Suites; Box Mattresses; Chairs; Mirrors; Pictures; Lace Curtains; Toilet Set; Carpets; Bed Lounge; a good Range; Cook Stove; one good Violin and Bow.

For other particulars phone BHS.

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